



## Thomas D. Shafer

September 22, 1944 - August 13, 2019

Thomas David Shafer, 74, of Gilead Indiana passed away at 12:53 pm, Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at his residence. He was born on Sept. 22, 1944 in Miami County, Ind. to Chester and Evelyn (Neterer) Shafer. He was the fourth child and the second son. A towhead as a child, he grew in to a man with a bushy beard and a long ponytail.

A 1962 graduate of North Miami High School, he married Patty L. Steininger on July 2, 1966. They became the proud parents of four sons during the duration of their marriage.

Tom loved his family, over-the-road trucking, motorcycles, guns, and reading in no particular order. He was an avid collector of books.

He was a longtime member of the Rochester American Legion and a proud and active member of ABATE.

Survivors and place of residence:

Sons – David and wife Marty Shafer - Peru, Ind.

Mark and wife Tammy Shafer – Claypool, Ind.

Lee Shafer – Fulton, Ind.

Brian and wife Julia Shafer – Logansport, Ind.

Grandchildren – Katherine Shafer, Amber Scott, Drake Shafer, Brittany

Shafer, Brent Shafer, Malachi Shafer, Aalayah Shafer, Brennan Fry, and Tayler Shafer

A granddaughter of his heart – Cassandra Schnitz

Sister – Nancy Dotson – Akron, Ind.

Elizabeth and husband Duane Flaherty – Macy, Ind.

Brother – Joseph and wife Sadie Shafer – Gilead, Ind.

Several Nieces and Nephews

Preceded in Death By:

Parents

Sister – Christine Shafer

Brother – Dan Shafer

A memorial visitation for family and friends will take place from 5 pm to 7 pm, Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to ABATE or the charity of the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas D. Shafer



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 17, 2019 at 07:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Shafer.



August 20, 2019 at 11:42 AM



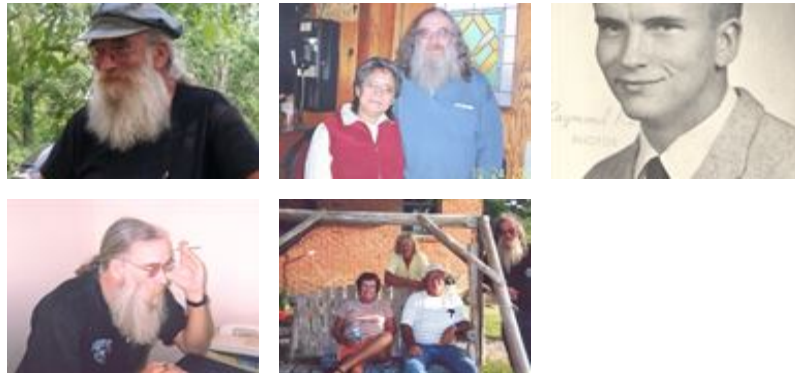
“ R.I.P Uncle Tom 🙏  
Always & Forever  
Your Niece,  
Samantha Shafer



Samantha Shafer - August 17, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 17, 2019 at 06:59 AM

DC

“ I always enjoyed his company at Hawg Waller - he was my golf cart buddy for many years! Will miss him. Deb Carroll, Kos. co. ABATE

Deb Carroll - August 16, 2019 at 11:54 AM

LW

“ Tom shafer married my.mom back in 1983. He was the best step dad anyone could ask for. When i got married in 1994 he walked me down the aisle and i was very proud to have him do that. I love you tom amd you will be truly missed. You were and always will be the best.



Laura Watson - August 15, 2019 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ On March 9, 2019 I was cleaning for grandpa. I come around the corner into the kitchen to see him making his first drink of the day. A PART OF HIS ROUTINE! I LOVE AND MISS YOU ALREADY GRANDPA!



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**Cassandra Schnitz** - August 15, 2019 at 01:23 PM